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Letter 25
1 November 1901
Nortonville, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton. My Dear Friend.

From: Will Loven

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Morton, Ky. Postmarked: Nash. & St. Louis, 1 Nov 1901.

Lilith is evidently well acquainted with Will Loven. He seems to be personally more interested in Lilith's sister, LeVert. Will asks if he might bring a friend that work with him at the depot out to visit. This young man, unnamed at this point, was John William Elliott.

Merionville 14th Nov - 01

Miss Leticia Marton
My Dear Friend

You will no doubt be surprised
to hear from me again but I am writing
this letter not for my self but more for
another fellow. there is a young
man here who is day operator at the
Depot and is one of the nicest young
men you ever knew he is quite
a friend of mine and he desires to meet
you. if you have no objections I
would like to bring him out some
Saturday afternoon and introduce him
to you and if I do I will assure you
that you will never be sorry of it
You can see your sister and ask her
if I can see her and if so he and
I will be out some Sunday
before long will let you know
what letter when we can come
please and our return. Well
I must close. Love



Miss Lillian Merton

Merton
14W

Letter 26
6 November 1901
Nortonville, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton. Dear Lilith.

From: Will Lovan

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Morton, Ky. "Gap" added and stamped "Missent To Marion, KY
Postmarked: Nortonville, Ky, date illegible and then Earlington, Ky, 8 Nov 1901. Back
postmarked: Marion, Ky, 7 Nov 1901 and then Mortons Gap, Ky, 9 Nov 1901.

Lilith evidently responded positively to the first letter. Will refers to the young man he will bring as Mr. Elliott. Will plans to see LeVert Morton, Lilith's sister during the visit. Will mentions that he and Lilith are distant kin. He states that he and Mr. Elliott will visit one week from next Sunday.

Mortonville N.Y. 11/6/09

Miss Lillian Morton

Morton N.Y.

Dear Lillian

You have read today.

was indeed glad to hear from you
but had almost begun to think
that you was not going
to answer however I am glad
you did. and glad that it
read the way it did. yes
Lewie was the one I meant
when I said your sister
I thought you would know
who it was. any way you
are a good guesser for
Lewie was the one I
had reference to.

new that friend of mine that I
was speaking of has no name
but he is called Mr Elliott
You will find he is a nice
young man to.

You know I would not associate
with him if he was not much
less bring him out to see
you. Tell Levert I will wait
until I come out and do

my learning personally
with her. I believe
we did use to claim
Kien in days gone
by and good days
they was to.

well so it is getting late
I will say bye bye
myself and Mr Elliott
will be out one week
from next Sunday
will that be alright?

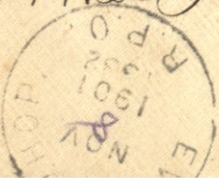
With best wishes
Yours as ever
Will Evans



MISSSENT TO
MARION, KY.

Miss Lillian Norton

Marion Gap.
Ky.



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1901

Letter 27
18 November 1901
Nortonville, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Miss Morton.

From: John Elliott. Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 30.

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: 18 Nov 1901, Nortonville, Ky.
Back postmarked: 18 Nov 1901, Mortons Gap, Ky.

This is the first letter written by John Elliott to Lilith Morton after their meeting. He was evidently impressed with her and asks to visit again next Sunday.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Norcross 1 mi Station Nov 18 1901 1901

Miss Lillian Norton.

Morand Gap 1 mi

My Dear Miss Norton

To Evans you will be

Surprised in receiving this letter from me. But I hope that you will not think me fast in writing I have often heard Mr Lenan speak of you and your sister Miss Lena and have been longing to meet you and at last was fortunate enough to have that honor. Now Mrs. Davis I admire as much as I do you and soon that I will not get to have a talk with you yesterday but I hope that I will some time in the near future. If you have no objections I would like the pleasure as well as the honor of seeing you this Sunday evening and am sure that no one else appreciates your company more than I would. Now Miss Lillian I am going to ask you again

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station _____ 190 _____

Not to think No fact in writing this
 and of I have said any thing that was not
 gentleman like I am sure it was through my
 ignorance and I beg you to forgive me
 asking you to please and not say if it were
 to be alright for No to come out upon
 remain.

I beg to remain yours
 John Elliott



Miss Lillian Norton
Norton's Gap
Ky



Letter 28
3 December 1901
Nortonville, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: John E. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: Nortonville, KY [date illegible].
Postmarked back: Mortons Gap, KY, 3 Dec 1901.

The couple went for a drive on the past Sunday evening that he found most enjoyable. The letter is filled with expressions of admiration.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Station Dec 2nd 1901

Mrs. Lillian Norton

Toward Gap, Ky

My Dear Lillian:

Will you please to write you a
 few lines. As I am very busy on my monthly
 reports can not write very much. But I will
 say that what I do write will come from my
 heart. This I must say that the drive that I
 took with you last Sunday evening was one
 of the most pleasant drives that I have ever taken
 in my life. Not the drive that was so pleasant
 but the company that I had in. and I fully feel
 it an honor for me to get to be in your
 company who is so kind to me. And I am
 sure you are one thing and that is that you are
 the one who is appreciated by your company and
 more than I do. Now you stated in your last
 letter that you did not know what made me
 admire you so much and you only a common
 country girl. Now I will tell you. in the first
 place your business ways and also your
 society like ways. I thought to have any
 name

"7"

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Station

190

Man who wished to go again & satisfy Admin
 you and I am sure that I never did go again
 any other time, and never will. And as for you
 being a Cumber give only mind to think the
 more of you. No other thing that ever
 behind me is whether or not I am wearing
 of you. I have often wondered when I
 looked at living and thinking ahead or not
 I was looking of your Company. I am only
 leave that part of it for you to decide. And I
 can assure you dear Lieber of one thing, and that is
 that you will always find no one who ever
 dear you with the highest respect that
 any one could be desired to give. As I sit and
 write this letter and hear the waves roaring
 their song and there are there the waves
 morning so low and blue. I am only find
 comfort when I can think of you and I often
 wonder if you are any thing for me. I am only
 know that you are here as much for me as I am
 for you. There is no more story and
 for me. I would be ever happy

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Station

190

But I am only sorry for you so.
 I have often said that I never had met
 a girl who I really did love and have
 often wondered if I ever would. And I
 am sure that I have been over enough of the
 old world to have picked some one out
 but never until I came to Nashville
 and met you have I met a girl who I
 really did love and admire. And as I have
 said before so many different times I
 do admire you and not only admire you
 but adore you. And there is no other girl
 that I have any desire to keep company
 with or correspond with since I have met
 you. And I have been with various
 different young ladies and have always
 paid the very highest of respect to them but
 I never loved any of them to pass the
 time away. And it is not to do with you
 for I enjoy being in your company and there
 is then a moment when I think of
 you even though I am not with you.

"4"

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Station

190

I think of you more & more. And I wish
 if you have any and please you wish
 to keep company with me at any time. Don't think
 for one minute that I wish for toward you
 for so long. But as for my self there is no
 one else who I have any desire to go with
 but you. This is the case again No. I don't want
 you to do the thing unless it be your own
 desire, to do so. I was oh so glad to hear in
 your last letter when you said you would
 accept my friendship. And I am promising you
 one thing and that is that you have one
 true friend who will stand by, you no
 difference what may come. You will always
 find me ready to lend you a hand.
 And to do any thing that is in my power to
 do, and that is all that any one can do.
 I am also glad that you see him of me as a
 stranger my long. And one thing dear friend that
 I hope some time that you will be fortunate
 enough to learn for your self. Not withstanding
 that I am saying this my self. But you

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station _____

190 _____

I am not any one from any place that I have ever
 been and that is that I have always been
 a gentleman in every respect and always
 have had a good word for every body.
 Now I don't tell you this to ask you
 to believe but I only say this to that of ever
 an opportunity affords that you can see that my
 statements are true and as for your self I don't
 know any one for a long time I have been
 away and I know that you are a perfect
 society in every respect and that is one reason
 that I admire you so much. I am in to
 receive a long letter and have no doubt said
 you out long for this I will then for not
 excuse my self. I will tell you that if you
 have any more to go. My Sunday is
 everywhere my request to come out. or if you
 have an engagement to the same. Trusting I
 will receive a long letter from you soon and
 asking you that if I have said any thing
 to offend you to forgive it. I beg to remain
 Yours Sam. E.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.

Form 1.



Miss Lilieth Norton

Norton Gap.
Ky.



Letter 29

23 December 1901

Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: I am your boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad envelope. Addressed to Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Back postmark: 23 Dec 1901, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Evidently he has given up other girl friends and probably has asked Lilith to give up her other suitors.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To

Mrs. Susan A. Mason

Nashville

Oxford 1/23

190

My dear Sister:-

I thought I would wait until Tuesday or
 Wednesday to write but couldn't wait any longer
 if I can't get to be with you I want to hear
 from you what you want. I know how soon
 I have and since I have you yesterday
 evening I stay home as long as I like to me
 I would be so happy if you was with me
 and could stay with me the time there would
 be nothing else that I would want

"7"

190

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

And I want to tell you what I was thinking to you
 about yesterday evening. I want it all and
 if you will just say yes I will be one of the
 happiest boys on earth and I assume you if I can
 make you happy that you can be the same
 way. There is nothing but what I decided to
 for you. If you decided ask me no
 nothing I decided for you give my own
 life. That is saying a lot but that is just
 how strong my love is for you and if
 you would go back on me my life

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FORM 183.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

190

heard the message and then learned
 by no happenings here for me.
 I think you are so good and kind
 and have taught me real nice by telling me
 one in the place of your blessing and I
 am assure you that no one
 appreciates it more than I do and as you
 will know by now that I have forgiveness all
 for you I had a letter from the agent
 at home today he wants me to come
 soon and work there but I will

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FORM 188.

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

Now leave and leave you down here
 If you wish to write Me. I May
 Take it soon. And then never write & leave.
 And leave you down here that is unless you turn
 Me down. And if you should do that I would
 Not be satisfied my Place would be
 soon be one place as another. And I hope you will
 never turn Me down and I am sure you will
 Not if you think I am of use to
 you. I am sure. If you accept my offer
 that I made to you last evening

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

190 _____

You have to nothing you want but what you
 show him and I show you that you can
 go any place and at any time you
 wish. If you want a car you did last
 Sunday I am sure satisfied and I have
 no reasons not to believe it for I am sure
 that you would not tell me in any way.
 and I hope that you believe me when I think
 you do. Oh yes I sent the boys picture
 to him today if he ever says any thing
 about it tell me I know what he says

"6"

190

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

but I am sure you have too much
 to do and it is no night time me
 a whipping. As I am not very big.
 your sister I am sure that I engaged
 my self last evening. Now I know I am
 old in my life but I always enjoy
 my self when I am in your company
 for as I have often said heretofore
 that there is no one else that I care
 about any more. You are all I think
 about.

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To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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it is now 3 o'clock am. and there is not
a single soul around. Do you can
imagine how lonesome I feel here
all by myself. Although I have plenty
of work but when I get lonesome I find
pass the time away. Please write
me this soon as you can and wish me
a Merry Xmas. I wish you a Merry Xmas and
a happy New Year. Write that wish
me too of course.
I am your Dear one

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss ~~Lieut~~ Norton

Norton's Gap Ky



Letter 30
23 December 1901
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Jno. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad envelope. Addressed to Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky.

This references a gift sent to Lilith.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To

Miss Lillian Brown

Macon Ky

Cincinnati Ky 12/25/91

1901

Dear Sister

Are you are it is not the
 same one I got before but it is
 the same kind. Could not find the
 same one I got but any way this
 one is just like it. Love you think
 it. Truly,
 M

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD

Miss Lillian Morrison
Morrison Gap



Letter 31
24 December 1901
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Yours, John. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad envelope. Addressed to Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky.

There is an express package to be picked up at the Express Office.

To

Louisville & Nashville Road Co.

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Miss Smith
 1100 1/2
 1100 1/2
 Please Enc. at Express office
 For Am Express package of today
 Yours - John

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lillie Norton
Norton's Gap Ky



Letter 32
26 December 1901
Mortons Gap, Ky

To: Mr. John Elliott. Dear Mr. Elliott.

From: I am as ever your little love, Lilith.

No envelope. Thanked him for gifts and stated that she never grew tired of his letters. She attended a wedding on 25 December 1901 of Miss Annie Wilkerson and Mr. Jim Todd but was too sick to go the supper. She answered "yes" to his question probably asking her not to see anyone else. She stated that she was making doll dresses because all the little girls in the country who got a doll would come to her for a dress. She and her Aunt [Huldah] were at home alone and a Great Uncle had come to visit. She excused herself to entertain him.

Marion Perry
Dec - 28/91

Mr John Elliott

Dear Mr Elliott
as Thursday is my day for
ans letters I will now
endeavor to ans yours of
the 24th

thanks to you for sending
the pictures I think they
are both real pretty but
I believe I like the one
that has the darkest hair
the best as I think she is
the prettiest of the two
and I also thank you for
sending the invitation
I think it is real nice
Oh yes just beautiful and

I appreciate your kindness
very much ~~and~~ in sending
it and will return
the invitation to you
surely that is if you
do not wish me to keep
it and I don't know
as you ever said whether
I was to or not.
and oh ever so many
thanks to you for the
other present it is appreciated
very much by myself as
I think you could of sent
nothing nicer. Well as I
have said all on that
subject that I could say
except in fear of you
and I certainly ^{will} do that for you
but I suppose that that
would be something that
you would not care to.

read so I will say no more
 anely but that I long to be
 with you I believe you
 said ~~that~~ in one of your
 letters that when I got
 tired of you as your letters
 to let you know well now
 I don't see why you should
 think that I would tire
 of you as your letters
 either and I hope that
 I have never gives you
 cause to think so far
 I am sure that I should
 never tire of your nice
 intelligent letters not
 even though I should
 receive 20 a day evermore
 would be of some use

interest to me and Oh I
am already growing wh
ever so impatient for
Sunday to come when I
shall see you again.

Oh yes I had a real nice
time at the wedding yesterday
although I was too sick
to go to the supper but
right the couple that
were married were
Miss Annie Wilkerson and
Mr Jim Todd and
Oh yes I saw our picture
yesterday that is I mean
the one that you wanted
to the young gentlemen
the first thing when
I got in the house
yesterday morning and of
the little boys said
to me we had more

of Auburns pictures and
 he was thirsty by
 I know about the first
 told him to say it
 to see if he could tell
 whether it was there
 that sent it or not
 but I am sure that
 he couldnt tell any thing
 from my looks and
 after a while just before
 noon he said to me
 well I got a present
 yesterday and it was
 one of my aunts pictures
 sent to me and I dont
 know who sent it but
 I never let as I took
 the picture thing and

looked at it and told
him that I didn't
have the least idea
who sent it as I couldn't
recognize the hand
writing.

I was in such a hurry
Tuesday morning when
I wrote to Geri that
I never wrote half what
I intended to so I guess
I had better write it.

now yes I meant all
that I said last
Sunday as I would never
tell you our intentions
you must know and I
am sorry that I have
kept you waiting so
long for an answer to
your letter. I had

thought that I would
 wait untill Sunday before
 I ans but I will not
 keep you in suspense
 any longer but will ans
 by saying yes but as
 I am ~~so~~ real timid
 I wont say any more so
 you must excuse my
 short ans I thought
 just one little was
 yes would be ~~so~~
 sufficient well as
 one of my great uncles
 is dead this evening and
 Papa is not at home yet
 and ~~not~~ no one here
 except Auntie and she
 is busy I will bring

take to a close and
 go and entertain
 him for a while Oh
 I forgot to tell you
 what I had been doing
 to day I guess it will
 be of a great interest to
 you though well I had
 been making doll dresses
 all day as ever little
 child out here in the
 country that gets a doll comes
 to me to make it a new dress
 and I have spent to day
 all as I guess Uncle is getting
 very homesick by this time as
 I ~~hear~~ hear him saying I will
 go and see if I can get him
 to sing a song to me

I am as ever your
 little love Elith

Letter 33
6 January 1902
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Darling one..

From: Your boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked front: 5 Jan 1902. Postmarked back: 6 Jan 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, Telegram. Apparently from the wording of this letter, John and Lilith had been speaking of more than just only seeing each other in the previous few letters. This letter speaks of asking "Pappa" [her father] for his consent. John discusses Lilith's belief that her Pappa would not give consent. Apparently John is already discussing a date that he wants to elope with her. She is still delaying at this point but he agrees to wait.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM.

Received at Cincinnati Ky M. May 1st 1902

Sent from _____ 190_____

To Miss Lillian GordonMorrison Gap Ky.My dear Lillian

This letter to my dear little one it expresses my deep pleasure
 in writing to you now and thinking how I can do unless I can be with you.
 And know I am with you I am as happy as any one could be here I wish
 tell you how much I love you and how I am longing to come to see you
 out there and come away without you I wish you would keep me
 waiting very much longer until you decide to come with me.
 I wish you as you know how bad I hated to come away and

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TELEGRAM.

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

Dear Mr. Henry You should come to town with me tomorrow just as if
you say no which I know you do. And I say say yes I am happy to think
that I have the love of a dear friend living like you. And there is one thing
that is keeping my happiness away and that is to know when I am
going to get to see you my dear. You say there should be no use to ask
father for his consent. and you ought to know. and if you know that he
will not consent then there should be no use of asking him. Only to
show my respect to him by asking. When I have asked him for
you then he refused me I feel that I have asked the man

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TELEGRAM.

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

Write him and have done my duty. and then if he requests me I don't think that I should be doing wrong in having you my dear that is if you desire to go with me and I don't think you had better heed the counsels of going to you we have learned to love each other and I don't think that he should create that link of love and be for ever unhappy. So you? I am sure that if I have to let you that my happiness should be one I know how I should be no more pleasures in this world for me. For having I love you dearer than any one else on earth there is no one

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TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM.

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

Aran I love as dear as I do you. Now May know how I love you
and I can say this that there is no one else could keep me from
having you. for I have not break up my happiness on account
of some my feel. although it is hard to go against the wishes of parents
as I well know. but I look at it this I am dear. of the I have
ought to have no excuse for do doing. for as to that the
breeding have any excuse. of ~~and~~ I have not repeated of taking
you and taking care of you now it would be urgent and the
could have a kick coming but I know I am and that

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

TELEGRAM.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

I can always make you happy and here you be can have any
Excuse. I do wish you could get ready but the date I mentioned but
of course if you can't I am one of wait for you that is all I
can do and I have wait if it has 2 years.

but every month I have to wait I feel seem like a man to
Me. just if you can't get ready but the time I said
sincerely you can live the way you can. Am you funny.
I engaged my self to meet with you yesterday afternoon but then
the said how come when I had to leave my business again

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

TELEGRAM.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

My Mother where you will be next Sunday so I will
know where to come must be you. Write me a long letter.
I will write you again this week please and soon as you can
writing for I can hardly wait to hear from you. Wishing
you ever moments of happiness with all my love for you. I will
say bye bye until I see you again.

Always and for ever
Mamie

Mamie

Mo.



Miss Silvia Morton

Morton's Gap

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Letter 34
9 January 1902
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your loving boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. envelope. Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky.
Postmarked back: 11 Jan 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 30. John is still discussing the idea of eloping but does not want to clue in her father in fear of her father not allowing him to see her. States that he will come to see her Sunday.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Cincinnati Mr.

Station Jan 9 1902

1902

Miss Lilia Monon

Monon Mr.

My dear Lilia

I received your dear letter and I am
 so glad to hear from you but you
 don't know how impatient I was getting when I
 received your letter it seemed so long it
 had been a month since I heard from you.
 Now you it was just as soon when I did receive
 it I am very anxious to know what idea you
 have for your law study up some plan
 that will keep the case I am sure I will be
 glad to know it but as for me I never could
 know you ought to know how to arrange
 it than me. And therefore I am going to leave it
 all to you and do what ever you say
 with it. I should forbid you being so and
 you so desired to see Mr. Her is no one who
 could keep me from seeing you and I would
 go thousands of miles to see you
 if it is your wish to have me. When I hope it
 is and believe it is there is no one who

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station

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An I sup to a part for my love for you is
 to money to allow any interference to keep
 McGraw having you and Robert saving
 if you want to go back on me you
 no fear as I love you & really don't
 know what I have to. I know that I
 never could stay in this country any longer
 and there would be no peace for me
 any more but you will not go that
 way you can say where we are going
 Sunday will have to go singing
 home in that is if it is not to be.
 I must go to have a look with you
 sweet heart I have to write you & send
 love but am so busy will have to quit
 me I am to mail this on 53 so
 you can get it tomorrow with best
 wishes and love of son & son in law
 bye bye until Sunday as I will be
 there then

Your loving son
 Jno

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Silver Norton
Norton Gap, Va.



Letter 35
13 January 1902
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your loving boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. envelope. Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked back: 13 Jan 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., Form 133. Evidently the couple has now set the time to elope for two months in the future. [This would be when Lilith would turn 18 years old.] John asked if she had a particular place that she would like to get married. He told her that the ring would arrive one day this week and he wished to place it on her finger.

To

Miss Lillie Nelson
Nashville Gap Tenn

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Cincinnati Ky 7/13

1902

My Dear Sister:-

As it has been so long since I saw you
 that I will endeavor to write you a short note.
 I have the headache so bad that I hope you will
 ever look my short letter and I assure you that
 I will be better in the future. During one I am now
 happier I have nothing to worry me any more I
 am every day forward for the time that we
 are to come and it seems to me like a long
 time off yet but I suppose I must wait I
 know I must so of course wait a year

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190 _____

But it would be a long wait. But then the
2 months is a long time but I can look
forward and think of the happiness after
the time arrives and pass the time away
but you don't know how happy I will be
when the time comes that I can come
you wish me all the time. and I will always
love you and will always find it the happiest moment
of my life when I am with you. and saying I
wish you one thing and that is that you smile
at all times always find me pleasant and kind

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190 _____

to you and Miss New find no cross with
you. How could I be with my liver failing,
I believe your idea is a good one in regard to
not saying any thing about it to any one.
If you should know whether papa would
agree or not and you say he would I don't
think it best to say any thing about it again
I have studied the matter over and the way
has been arranged yesterday this suit me
allright. If you have any question coming
to ask me in regard to any thing

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

190

Please do not hesitate one moment in
writing it and I will gladly answer it
to the best of my knowledge—

I regret to learn you so sad last time and
not get to take to you a while longer
before I leave but since I cannot owing to the
circumstances. Tell me your particular place
you desire to go I want to get married
if so I will know where and that is where
we will go and if you come any one you
desire to go with you let me know and

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

190

I Will Arrange for Same. Now for I don't
want you to be backward in asking for
my thing that you desire to know or wish to
ask. For I will not consider you one
bit short in so doing since we have come to
the understanding that we have. The ring
should be here one day this week. I desire
to place this ring on your dear sweet finger
with the love and honor that I have for
you with the wish of ever lasting happiness
to you.

6
 Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

190

Dear I am not going to ask you to let
 me come this Sunday but I will say that
 nothing would please me better than to
 come here if you have any thing to do or
 my place. I will not come here if you wish
 me to come I will be glad to come and
 I hope to have the ring for you but then
 have requested them to hold the order as I
 am feeling so bad will close asking you to
 please write me a long letter soon soon
 I am your son for ever and

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lilla Norton
Norton's Gap

Ky



Letter 36
20 January 1902
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear One.

From: Your loving boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. envelope. Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky.
Postmarked back: 20 Jan 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., Form 133. Marked 1 a.m. The ring was to arrive Wednesday.

To Miss Silvestre Mowen
Mowen

One dollar and

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

FORM 133.

August 20 1902

My Dear One:-

Kiss you with you. It is one of the
greatest pleasures that I can find to do to write to
My Dear Love One. You & Sister are now having
sweet dreams of the blessings that Heaven can grant
you. I am writing to My Dear One.
You are all my thoughts from time to time and when
I lay down to sleep there is nothing a part
but what I always dream of you. A Morning of
G. Somers Mowen has passed over the tonight I think
in all my life felt as Somers as I have tonight

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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and long since I left you last Evening and
 when I think of the two months it seems
 awfully long. But it is not so very long
 after all. But since I will pass a many of
 a Son'som Bell but between now and
 that time. But there will never be any more loneliness
 for me when you are with me. saying you said
 in your other letter that you would love me if
 I have been loving you there is no danger of
 my ever doing that I will love you for ever
 no distance if you have decided to give me up

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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for another. I would love you just the same
 than you can do. Then will you put it
 saying if you decide to go where you was
 talking of going next Sunday I suppose
 I can stand not seeing you one Sunday
 but it will be awfully lonely to me.
 but go ahead if you want to. And you
 will have my best wishes and love. Where
 ever you go. The ring will be here Wednesday
 here I send it to you as. wait until I come
 and bring it to you then will kiss you

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

Waiting carefully long if I don't come
 this Sunday evening and I was to see
 you. My love to Kate my initials
 engraved on it but will do that some
 other time. If I don't come this Sunday
 week and you wish me to write
 this is to you by registered letter
 please and this so I can get it by Wednesday
 if you can. So I give I know whether or not I
 am coming Sunday. I will write you again
 one day this week and will write you

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

Myt Lunt Mr So Deeply I Can hardly
 write this and they are after me on
 every wire in the office so I will
 have to say bye bye with best
 wishes and love of Son

I am as ever

Your Son

James



Miss Lillian Norton

Norton Gap 1/4



Letter 37
23 January 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, John. [John William Elliott.]

No envelope. Typed on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. stationery. He mentions the possibility of another, better job outside of Earlington. Apologized for the typed letter. Stated that he did not have time to write with a pen.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Earlington, Ky. 1/23/02.

Miss Lilith Morton,
Mortons, Ky.

My Dear Lilith:-

Will now answer your dear sweet letter received to-day. I feel so lonely to-night that I can hardly write this letter pet. I don't know what makes me feel so bad, unless it is thinking so much of you. I think of you all the time, I'm longing for the time to come when you can be with me all the time, and it seems to me like the time is awfully far off. Darling I use to wonder if I ever would see any body that I would love, and I can say that I have seen one that I do dearly love, and that is you. I could never love another, if I should never get you I would never want any one. For there is no one else that I love, and if I can't get the one I love I don't want any one at all. I am not the only one that loves you. But I am glad to know and feel it an honor to my self, to know, that you love me dearer than any one else. Darling one I want you to enjoy your self Sunday, and don't worry one bit on my acct, although you know I will miss you, I don't want you to make your visit an unpleasant one just on my account, I will pass the day away, as best I can. I thought once I would go and see my uncle, but I have decided not to go and will stay here. And you will have my best wishes and love where ever you may go or be. I hope the ring will suit you alright, Say Dear one in case I was to leave Earlington, and take another job would you go with me? I have a much better position offered me than this one and want to have your advice about taking it, for I would not do any thing without

asking you before I done it, I will always ask for your consent in every case, so you let me know what you think about it and that is what I will do. I believe it would be the best thing for me to do but will not do so unless you say so. But where ever I go I want you to understand that you are to go with me the date we mentioned. And if you don't want me to go will not. Now dear one I will have to close and go to work if you get this in time write me again this week if not be sure and write me Monday. And I wish you all the pleasures on earth Sunday, and don't forget your boy at Earlington, I will often think of my little darling one, and Sunday, week, will seem awfully long but I suppose I can wait, alright. With best wishes and lots of love. I Am as ever.

Your Boy,

Jem

*Excuse me for
writing with typewriter
in such a hurry did not
have time to write with a pen
Aft. Gt. your
John*

Letter 38
31 January 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. envelope. To Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: 31 Jan 1902. Postmarked on back: 1 Feb 1902.

Written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, telegram.

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TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM.

Received at

M.

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Sent from

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To

My Dear Lillie
 Good Afternoon Sweet's Love today
 Mrs. Kier writes you from a fine place at 2
 PM 30 Louisville tonight. Fine not having had
 dinner to eat my lunch. But not without
 that I will write a few lines to my dear
 being as you are. You do please excuse the
 best love,
 Lillie

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

Dear You may look for me over
 Sunday no definite what kind of
 day it is I write to there. And if
 it was twice as bad as last Sunday
 I would come and if I am not
 there you can just say that I am
 sick. So look for me. No mail or there
 is nothing else that I can say. I am
 sure you will come and no body else

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190_____

Sent from _____ 190_____

To _____

How are all my friends both day and
 night. And when I am not with you
 I think of nothing else but you and
 longing to am to see that you love
 me so well and am sure that you
 have my love just as dear in return
 for I love you better than all the rest
 of the world. Now as I see I
 will have to close for I am

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TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM.

Received at M. 190.....

Sent from 190.....

To
 Sorry about 3 Miss work, and have been
 all this week so per excuse this short
 week. You will want you loved one?
 Sister Beth wishes and all my love and
 thinking I will get to be with
 my family one Sunday
 Sam is busy for a few
 your Boy
 Annie

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lilla Norton

Norfolk Gap



Letter 39
6 February 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, John. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. envelope. To Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: 6 Feb 1902, Nashville St. Louis. Postmarked on back: 6 Feb 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, telegram. Stated that the work had been very busy; so busy that his right arm had given out and he had to use his left. Will come to see her on Sunday.

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TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM.

Received at

Carlinston

Ky

M.

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Sent from

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To

Miss Felix Morrow

Morrowing Mr.

My dear Felix
 Recd your letter last pm and it was read
 over and over with the same pleasure as I always find your
 letters am glad you are so visiting me and also glad
 that you had a nice time. but I have not had
 much engagement for the last 8 or 10 nights as the
 work has been so heavy hope it wont continue this
 way very much longer. My arms give out on me

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

TELEGRAM.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

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last night and had to use my left hand so
 you can imagine how much I had to do but
 it has not been so hard tonight.
 As near I will be any Sunday I sent him it will
 get too good for me to come to see you. So you
 look for me and I will be there. Never or mine. Good
 or that. Nothing could keep me away from my
 little darling unless it was sickness or something
 that could not be avoided

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190 _____

Sent from _____ 190 _____

To _____

I don't know of a thing to write saying that would interest you. only that I send all my love to you and all my sweet happiness is thinking of my dear little one. Hoping to be with you again Sunday I will bid you a sweet good bye. With best wishes and all my love. I am
as ever and for ever your Boy

John
P.S. Please Excuse the Short Love.

Now I write
You a letter to get this
but want to get it
On the morning the
You can get it
before

UISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Mrs. Fievel Norton
Norton's Gap

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Letter 40
7 February 1902
Jackson, Miss.

To: Miss Lilith A. Morton, Morton's Gap, Ky. Dearest one.

From: Your devoted lover, Bishop. [Bishop Morton Kelly.]

Envelope addressed to Miss Lilith A. Morton, Morton's Gap, Kentucky. Hopkins Co. written at the bottom left of the envelope. Return address listed as 114 W. Cap. [Capitol Street was written out in the body of the letter.] St., Jackson, Miss. Postmarked 7 Feb 1902, Jackson Miss.

Bishop stated that he still loved her. He regretted that he was 700 miles away and asked if she still loved him. He stated that he was sending a little button pin with his picture. There was a small button pin photograph of a young man in Lilith's keepsakes which is most likely the button pin mentioned in the letter. Bishop reminded her of how she had begged him not to leave on the last night he saw her.



Probably the button pin mentioned in the letter from Bishop M. Kelly to Lilith Morton dated 7 February 1902. The pin was found in the same box as the letters belonging to Lilith Morton.

Jackson, Miss
February 5th, 1902.
Miss Lilyth P. Jackson,
Horton's Gap, Ky.
Dearest one,

I love thee yet,
it has been a long long
time since I last saw
you or ever wrote to you.
I am now about 700 miles
away from you dearest
but I'll never forget your
smile nor how long
I stay away or how far
away I may be. I'll
never forget my dear
sweet Lilyth.
Oh how I do wish

L

I could be with you
this ~~old~~ day tomorrow
day!

Sweetheart do you love
me and care as much
for me as you use to do.
I hope you do any way.

I am going to send
you a little better photo
of your old sweetheart and
let you see how he looks
now, as it has been so long
since you last saw him.

Do you remember the
last night I was out to see
you and how you begged
me not to leave? I hope
when I see you again

Things will have chang-
ed since what they
were then, don't you?
I am coming out to see
you as soon as I come
home.

Do you remember the
night we sat on the front
door steps together, when
Lothian was there? and you
were driving with him.

Who is going with you
now, dearest? I hope you'll
not forget what I said
about two certain plans
with you?

Wish I could see
you this day. if I could

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what a great pleasure
it would be to me.

I have away from home
now going on 6 months
and guess I'll be away
until the last of May.

I hope you will not forget
your dear old chunk while
he is so far away from
you.

I still sweetheart as I
have to go to dinner I must
bring this to a close.

Oh say when did you
sell (Lopsy) Harry and
how in the world do
you paper brownie light
do you all speak yet?

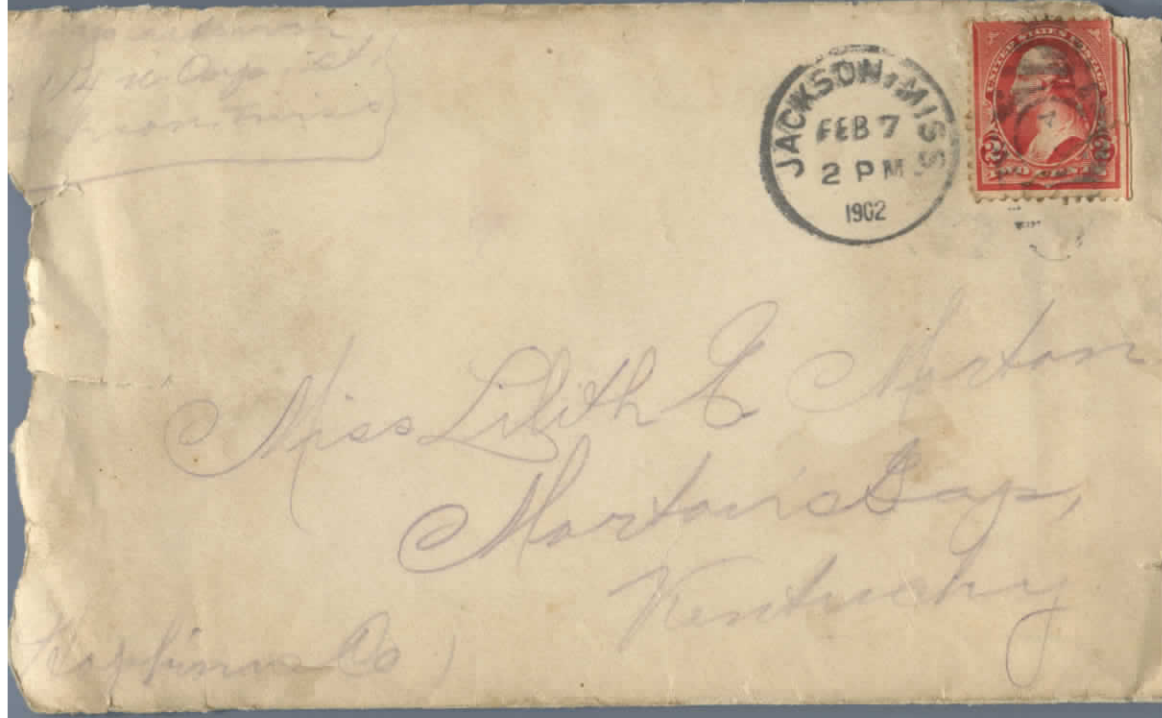
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I think I shall
write to Harry this very
evening if I have time,
when you see him
just tell him you heard
from me.

What is all the fuss and
bustling there at the Gap
anyway?

Surely I want you to
write me a long letter
and tell me all about
everything, address me
at 114 West Capitol St.,
Jackson Miss.

Your devoted lover
(Bishop)



Open 100 years Return
No 114 Cap St Jackson Miss



Letter 41
17 February 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. envelope. To Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: 17 Feb 1902, Nashville & St. Louis Railroad. Postmarked on back: 18 Feb 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, telegram. Stated that he was anxious to see her. Mentioned a quarrel at their last meeting.

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Received at

Cummington Mass

M.

2:17

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Sent from

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To

Mrs. Silvia Morrison

Montana Falls, N.Y.

Mr. Sean Sullivan

Good Morning dear Susan I just saw Emma and wife
 the day after brought it is just 15 min from
 time I write you and get it on. I hope dear
 one that you had a nice time yesterday & are far
 than I had been & thought of my little caring one
 now the time I am here of I had never call you mine
 in the past & March 12 I thought I was going to

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

All I ask I should not have very much longer
 to wait. But I don't know when I will
 get to do that. I hope before a great while though.
 For I am sure to have to go away from you very
 much longer. Are you going to the me come
 Sunday or not. I think to me like it has
 been a month since I last saw you and we
 don't have any quarrels this time.
 Have you told to tell you Sunday when I see

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190.

Sent from _____ 190.

To _____

You shall be 20 qm to see you then
 but from now you time to write in now
 53 is coming now and you General Tickets do
 see. So I will ask you to excuse this
 short letter and I will write enough more time
 to pay up for this one being so short
 want to get this on 53 so you will
 get it with best wishes and lots of love

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190_____

Sent from _____ 190_____

To _____

Three Day Bye Bye sweet me
 A Song Sweet and True me all
 the times.

from your Boy
 Johnie

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.

Form 1.



Miss Sinner Norton

Norton Gap Ky



Letter 42
22 February 1902
Invitation to Tacky Ball
Mortons Gap, Ky.

To: Miss LaVert Morton and Sister

YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED
TO ATTEND A
TACKY BALL,
TO BE GIVEN
AT
DAVIS' HALL,
MORTONS GAP,
SATURDAY NIGHT, FEB. 22.

♦ ♦ ♦

MANAGERS.

CLEVE MEDLOCK.

WILL PHILLIPS.

Miss Lavert Morton ^{Aug 18}

Letter 43
24 February 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad envelope. To Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky.
Postmarked 23 Feb 1902.

Evidently Lilith has told John that she could not elope in March. John then pushed for an elopement date of June 4th. He mentions a potential job transfer to Illinois.

To ~~Miss~~ Leiter Moran
Moran Franklin

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Franklin 24 1902

My dear Leiter

Will write to Mr. Seelye giving you as I promised

you 3 boxes and will send it to you about the

particulars my note on how telling Mr. Seelye for it.

I don't want to dissuade my dear one when I can help it

I again have that awful consciousness since I was only to tell you

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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We had to come away without you and I think of how long
 it is since you and that makes me more homesick than ever. But
 since as I told you I wanted you to be ready and to know
 that you have some perfecting kissing to wait for you. I am
 longer than that if you please but I do hope seeing that
 when that time comes that you will be ready to come again

To

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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And Not Keep Me Waiting And Longing for You Any Longer.

I just think that if you long with me I would be one of the happiest

happy on Earth and I so desire you would of some light

Me in March. just think I would not have been so long.

Longer so I want all the time I can get you back - you

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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4
 Canceled 2 AM Not going so long May More about in and then
 and for get about it and Line and Rail for June to come again
 Rice from Line May to the 2 Rice In and pass the time
 down heat 2 AM but I hope it's about be a little You. Pat.

J. Know just about 2 AM coming from East June but per
 the You come to 2 AM Rice from 2 AM. You were just at 12 AM

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

My darling one I am going to see you what I want may be so.

and that is this go to the top the left rear corner you will find me
have some pictures made of your baby I just love it you know

have one but I want you to say to me if I have one.

You look at me be better I want a picture of you

Now you will know so you can see me for years

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

Dear Mother? Now how far I am going to school June the 14th

at the year May 20th? and coming on you have coming here?

My dear father have this in the baggage of I leave for ~~Chesapeake~~

Now my dear father you are to visit M. Lewis for 50

travel for of I leave home I would like to leave.

My dear sister give love to her. The reason I am here

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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is for this reason I am glad to be transferred into Illinois
 and if I am I have thank you to go with me I know you
 would like it there. and if I am I have you to visit me?
 and not wait me June? ever darling Mary Mary Mary Mary
 best wishes to you & I am always
 your Dad.
 Jack.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.

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Mrs. Selmer Norton

Morson Gap

Ky



Letter 44
2 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Louisville & Nashville Railroad envelope. To Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky.
Postmarked 2 March 1902.

The letter mostly deals with his apology for not being able to see her because of the bad weather.

To Miss Lillian Brown.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Sunday Evening 2:30 pm

FORM 133.

Marion Gap Ky

Lawrence Ky - 3/2

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My dear Lillian

I am sure you will be disappointed

this evening and I am so sorry of it I started

out here and got just one line from Lawrence the

roads are so bad that I could not get there

before 7 o'clock this eve and I leave Sunday 3/2

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

Pleased as you were at Mr. I should rather find
 up my thing on even than to of and you disappointed
 this evening but I am going to ask you to please
 forgive me for you know I want to see you
 we had no my on could and it was no fault
 of mine I did not mind the best of the

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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Never had of been so I could of done so
 have of been there. I hope you will join
 the opinion of the man I did for many to anno-
 which I am sure you will have my heart. My Son
 shall be with you all this year and to night
 and now every thing but for ever and every

To _____

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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Moments ~~long~~ ^{long} passing have to elapse you
for I have no power to think of one, you I
mean no other sweet heart and never want another
for I know when I think of you that I am
thinking of no other being that is kind and
true and I often wonder how I could ever be so

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

FORM 13

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I _____
I want to tell you. We were to go
to Me. for you are nearer to the bank
all the rest of the shore. I can know but
I suppose you alone picked it. At least that is
the way I know about it. I have said from the
first time I ever told you that I never

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

God you for my own going there in peace for all
 my family and mine I do you and I wanted
 to be here for when I met you I met the one
 and the one I love and I know that I
 never could learn to love another as I do you
 Dear one I have often thought of you

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

before I ever asked you whether or not you would
 have the train if it was good time for me to have
 you that I would get you over there &
 never would for you know that gods will this
 train must be gone. and should something occur then
 that I never would get you which I hope never will

To _____

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

I would think that I was not his wife for him
 to have you and hoped for green as much
 over it as I would in some other case although
 if I had to give you up I would be giving
 up the dearest one on earth to my and never
 loved for you no separation of long

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190

I would like to say one. You have no idea how
 bad I feel over disappointing you this time and I wish
 for any more pleasure until I hear from you
 again and you see no objection or when you feel
 hard toward me. Oh yes. When do you
 have for a little say. Present is there is any

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

1902

To _____
Special thing that you want for me know
when it is and you will surely get it.

I shall now say bye bye to you and go back home
and go to bed as I could not get to see you

Just so much the dear soon as you get this and can

for I will be unhappy until I hear from you

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

190_____

Kiss Me a Song here and I will say soon
 as I get it will write you a Song
 with your wishes and say of love
 I am Nobody but
 Yours
 Jack

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lillian Merson
Mouans Gap

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Letter 45
5 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Lilith Dear. [Lilith Morton.]

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope addressed to Miss Lilith A. Morton, Morton's Gap, Kentucky. Postmarked back: 6 March 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Jack would not be able to come to see her on Sunday early in the day. He explains the circumstances.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Cincinnati, Ky

Station

215th

1902

Dear Sir:-

I know you say Sunday Eve. but for fear

you do not answer in in time. for me to here from

you again this week I will write you another

both times. and every you answer I will write you a long letter

that is of you know and which I hope you will. saying I.

to see you here tomorrow and for that reason

I will not get to come out Sunday afternoon

but if you are going to be at home and have no

objections I would like to please as well as

the honor of calling Sunday Eve should get

here between 7 o'clock and 7:30 will try and get

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station _____ 190 _____

The Night Train. To receive me at 6 o'clock and
I expect to be there not later than 7.30.
That is if you have no objections to my coming
at that time of the evening and I hope you
don't for if you should I would not get
to see you and my friend I could not
stand that for you have no idea how
bad I hate about disappointing you. I can
see but I assure you one thing that
you was no nearly disappointed than I was
and I would of come one time for this reason I
guess I could of got there after so longer time

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Station _____ 190 _____

Am leaving in ward of Ten M unless I elect to
Dress there and back of I had now said 5 Mins
back of Man say I am Anne Apt Sunday Eve I
will be there as I will have the right to get
back in back on last Sunday the day Man
wanted to get off at noon and then
was the reason I turned back after leaving knowing
I could not stay out there and back by noon
so I may be my way any way I will
not disappoint you unless I would be
sick and then I will send you a message

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station _____

190 _____

My Dear Mr. Please let me hear from
 you in time to say if you can quit
 in this week saying if you can. And be
 sure and let my know if it will be alright
 for me to come in the evening instead
 of the afternoon with best wishes and all my
 love I am truly and always your son

Jack



Letter 46
6 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Lilith Dear. [Lilith Morton.]

From: I am still your loving boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope addressed to Miss Lilith A. Morton, Morton's Gap, Kentucky. Postmarked back: 6 March 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

John had not been able to see her on Sunday and he was afraid she would be angry. He apologized and said he would be there Sunday.

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Received at

M.

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Sent from

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To

Lillian Dear
 Here now are your dear sweet
 Love Recs for night and I was so glad
 to receive them one letter and no
 longer one it was now that I
 feared your love that evening

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TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM.

Received at 2 M. 190

Sent from 190

To
 Can you be mad at me for I know you do.
 Love me and the reason I know it is because
 you told me you die. But for this reason
 I thought you would be mad. and that
 was because I disappointed you I know I

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Received at M. 190.....

Sent from 190

To.....

10.
would be angry my Deaf. If I should
be disappointed until I found out the cause.
but I didnt think ~~you~~ you would
be angry with me after I told you
The reason I didnt come and

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190_____

Sent from _____ 190_____

To _____

Am so glad you write. and please
 don't you never get into your head that
 I don't love you dearer than every body
 else for I do and I have no other
 sweet heart and don't want any other

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To For I am like you I think one is
Enough it is with me I am sure
there is no one else that I want to
be with. and yet I want you to be
sure and let me know if I am

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190_____

Sent from _____ 190_____

To

Com my Sunday Ev. I will try and get there by
7 o'clock but it may be that I won't get there
before 1130 but if you say I can come I
will come as there as am very busy and
this makes the 2nd letter I have wrote you

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To

My dear Lucie Quit for fear you will get tired
of reading them but please send you ever &c.
I mean about me getting tired of reading your
letters for I never tired of you I think you
ought to of told me dear who has been

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190.

Sent from _____ 190.

To _____

Was from that you got that was so interesting and you
 can tell me Sunday that is if you see Mr. Emma M. A.
 Have you been hoping I will get to see you Sunday.
 Give him best wishes I am sure you having been
 Jennie

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lillian Merson

Merson Gap
Ky.



Letter 47
10 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Jack.

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked front: Mar 10, 1902, Earlington, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. The letter is full of “fun” references to getting married. He will see Lilith on Sunday.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at

Cincinnati Ky

M.

March 10th

1902

Sent from

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To

Miss Silvia Mason

Mason Ind Ky

Dear Silvia:-

As you I passed Krisi Mon. X Wednesday last Raining
Fair Time this Morning Krisi Krisi you. a most sweet as there is
Nothing that gives me more pleasure than writing to my
son like one. I arrived here last night at 10:30.
We have been trying to think all the Morning who the
Preacher is that you are going to get married to.
Let me suggest what you do for him.

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Sent from _____ 190

To
 Tell him that he was just mistaken in the
 Occupation. That is an operator instead of a preacher.
 And let me by the way are you going to let him
 Come off and let McCombe the same time if you
 will tell me you what to do just when I come
 in your introduction to him and then I will introduce
 you to him. And he will have lots of fun and you
 too. I am a great Boy for fun and it is at
 some one else's expense

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Sent from _____ 190 _____

To _____

Buy understand now that I would want you to let
him come and then not let me or let him stay
and not let me. And I know you wouldn't do that.
And now let me see about Mr. Wilson. Oh you can let him
any old thing but I sent what you do. let him come
that is unless you let me come to. don't you think I
am a dog. well you see I am young (ha ha)
My day I also got a letter this morning from a young lady
telling me she heard I was going to get married.

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Sent from _____ 190 _____

To _____

I answered in the morning and told her that I was going to get married very soon. That was all I put in the letter I suppose that I will not hear from her any more I find that the best way to get out of corresponding letters there are I don't want to write to her there is no one else who I want to write to but you and my sisters as you said your other letter I thought being nice her so at a time and I have no other and I am no other and that is the reason I wrote her that so she would not write any more

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190 _____

Sent from _____ 190 _____

To

I answered her question didn't I. I never
 found the ring last night I see one of the boys to go out
 for me if he can find it I bid at the same
 place I always have and last the ring at
 the back wheel. If found you can have it.
 As I don't know of any thing else to write that would
 be of any interest to you my day. Bye Bye
 Let me know in your next letter if I can come
 right around the time I try and get there earlier

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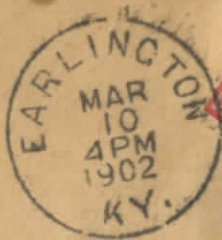
TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190____

Sent from _____ 190____

To _____
 Han I did yesterday. Will try to get there
 by 6 o'clock or 6:30. Will be with you long of late. I am not
 coming.
 Best and yours
 Jaen

COUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lillian Norton

Nashville, Tenn



Letter 48
15 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Lilith Dear.

From: Johnie. [John William Elliott].

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked front: Mar 15, 1902, Earlington, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John has heard gossip which he does not believe that he wants to discuss in person. Evidently they will not see each other on Sunday. He wants to get tickets for a show.

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Received at

Carrington Nev

M.

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Sent from

To

Miss Felicia Moran

Moran & Co

Felicia Dear

I Recd your letter today. Had I received it in time I would have answered sooner but perhaps you will get this today. I have got something to tell you when I see you I will let you know in the letter. When I first heard it I got angry mad and it didn't hurt me at all. but I will tell you about it when I come again and if you say it is not so I

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Received at M. 190

Sent from 190

To
 I will not believe it. and in fact I don't believe it.
 Now the party that told me is a friend of Mr.
 Russell's and I suppose a friend of mine. But they can't
 come in on me and for that reason I suppose
 he told me that thinking he would annoy you and I so
 quit but not much matter. I have learned
 some are this not to believe every thing I hear.
 Dear I do not get your letter that you was
 speaking of but I do not see no danger of N.

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

~~of~~ At forgetting you for that is tomorrow I never
do is to forget. My love give I suppose I
kiss go to church tomorrow night is that is the
best place I know of to go. Kiss this man
telling to be with you and kiss I hope you
kiss have a nice time. If I sent and saw
saying please but I know in your next letter
whether you are coming to the show or not
so I can get tickets before all of the seats

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To

My Laven. Please write Me soon as you can this
time and write Me a long letter and I will write
More after time with best wishes and love
of love & am Your Boy in Heaven and Love

Jennie

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lillian Norton
Norton Gaffey



Letter 49
24 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Lilith Dear.

From: John. [John William Elliott].

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked front: Mar 24, 1902, Earlington, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. He evidently has not see her. She did not attend the play with him. He wants to see her on Sunday.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at

Lexington Ky

M.

3/24/18

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Sent from

To Mrs. Silvia Anton

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My Dear Silvia:-
 Among Gap Ky

Q I told you I would write you so you
 could get the paper by Sunday. Well, write this morning
 say I had the roughest dream last night and I wish you
 were in it. I thought I'd go home and you were
 with me. When I found it was only a dream I was
 not near as happy as I was for it seems so like
 you was with me sure enough and I was so happy.

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Received at 2. M. 190

Sent from 190

To I wish you was going with me. But then I can wait
until June for you if you don't get out of the
region before then I will get to know you with
me. I hope you won't. I wish you could come to
the place tomorrow night I wanted you to see that
place so bad but of course I could say many more things
could do way to ask you and then if you wouldn't come
back could say that he had done all he could do.
Long as you could not come I will play my Aug. you know I told

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190_____

Sent from _____ 190_____

To _____

You & Maude have just with M. well I was once.
 things with you for I can't go to take any one else.
 with M. & you can go. But when you come with M. you
 can go with M. then ask you. Please say in your
 letter I & D. shall come out Sunday. and write M. quick
 and a song. Love and Love write to you again
 this week and will be nobody's

Dear My yours
 John

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Silvia Norton
Norton Gap Ky



Letter 50
27 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy John. [John William Elliott].

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked front: Mar 27, 1902, Nashville & St. Louis RPO. Postmarked back: Mar 27, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. Lilith evidently did not sufficiently discourage Bishop Kelly after his letter of 7 February 1902. John tells her that he is glad she is not going to allow "Mr. Kelley" to come to her house. John went to the play to which he had invited Lilith. He said it was one of the best that had ever come to Earlington. She did not attend the play with him. He invited her to another play the next Monday and said she could let him know when he came to see her on Sunday. John says he is going home next Wednesday and stay until Saturday. He would like her to go.

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Lawrenceport Ky

M.

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Sent from

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To

Miss Lillian Norton

Norton Gap. Ky.

Dear Lillian.

Receive your letter this morning and Miss Nell and
 also Joe & her from ^{the} Lillian joining again as it is always a pleasure for
 me to receive a letter from one who is so dear to me as you are.
 Very sorry you have been sick but hope you are alright by now.
 And you said probably some day it would not be a dream
 saying I will be glad when the day comes that it is more
 than a dream and that I can take you in my

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To _____

Mom and Dad you miss your darling. Ben and Ach until
 now I miss Os happy I am glad to ~~know~~ you are not going
 to let Mr Keenly Come out I know you would
 not thought for I believe you love to be alone and
 you know so the plan and engaged in very much but
 I often thought of you as I always think of you near
 the distance where I go or what I am doing I
 never forget my darling one. The day was just fine
 one of the best that ever came to Emerson

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To

But I do ~~not~~ enjoy it as well as I would had you
been with me. And indeed I did not have quite
much me. So Robinson went with me.
Oh yes there is to be another play here on the
21st. I don't know how good it will be but it
is said to be a good play. If you will
go I will come out after you. That will
be next Monday night you can let me
know Sunday when I come if you will

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To

Go. Yes I will be out about 1st Jan Sunday.
I am going home with Wednesday will be
back Saturday though. Papa and Mamma are
going to go with you and I go
to. Love you? As I don't know of a thing that
would be of any interest to you. The Express to
be you Sunday I will say bye-bye with best wishes
the love of I am as ever
Your Boy John

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lilla Morton
Merrins Gap Ky



Letter 51
17 April 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: 17 April 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmark on back: 18 April 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad envelope and paper.

To

Miss Sarah Norton

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Nashville Gap Tenn

Cincinnati Ky 4/17 1907

Dear Sarah:-

Received your dear sweet letter today and
 was so glad to hear from you again as always am glad to hear
 from my darling one. You must not be taking too
 hideous to much for if you do I will get nervous.
 Right away. During time I just think you are a little
 more and I know how you have been a
 shadow hanging over me for some time and later
 it has been so bad not tell as I told you before
 it was more than I could explain but
 from your letter today. Her was 2 or 3 words

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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That said Me that you loved Me better than any one else.
 And that was those words I will go with you the rest
 of my life. That is what I want to be Me that you did love
 Me better than any one else and I will never leave you
 now. And I assure you dear one that I would take you no
 difference who would object that shows you are wrong
 My love is for you. I love you dearer than all the
 world. And I will always love you. Because you have
 said you would forbid your papas wishes for me and
 I will always be dear and good to you.
 And let's pass him and see if he is willing

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

FORM 133.

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I don't think you will be so backward that you
would have to ask your own papa that I would
not my self and you know how Casique I am
and how backward I am but when you tell
me so am I'm just wait and see if I want
you am I'm what I told you and I don't think
he would suspicion any thing by that then
you can let me know what he say. I again thank
him for pulling the levers in the engine.
We left out about 530 to 6 o'clock
Sunday evening clear and fine hardy rain

To

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

FORM 138.

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For the time to come when I will be quiet
My heart is stilling again. Much love to my boys
as it is getting almost time to quit
have become awfully hard today too with best
wishes and love of one I am as ever your
Boo Jack

DUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Silita Norton
Norton Gap,



Letter 52
21 April 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Dear Lilith.

From: Yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: 21 April 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmark on back: 21 April 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad envelope and paper. John discussed going to Illinois on a trip after they married with a stop in Evansville on the way back. He has not yet asked Lilith's father to marry her. John says that if her father does not give permission then they can go to Illinois to get married.

Campden Ky Apr 20th 1892

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Dep't.

F.32.

Lillian Dear

How kind you a word from today as I always find
to hear from you when I am far from you.
There is nothing that is of more pleasure to me than to write to you
or to hear from you. And it is so long since I have
been so close with you all the time that now we are happy
separation. All the time dear?

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Dep't.

F32.

I never knew what it was to love any one until I met you
As since I have been living with you I have been taught
what real love was and I am sure that no one can
love another dearer than I love you for you are
all I think of when I am not with you. I'll see you
how soon the paper is willing for us to be married as
like all married at your home as that is your wish
and your wishes have always been complied with by me and
that suits me alright. Then we will take a trip
over in Illinois that is unless you have some other

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Place you want to go. And will stop off a while
in Evansville. Or we come back. And if no (papa)
is not willing then we will go over in
Illinois and get married that is if you want
to go there. If not we go over. Even you want
to go. But I believe he will be willing.
Don't think he will object. To you. If he doesn't say
No when you asked him that question I don't believe he
would object any way. We will know when I ask
him and I will ask him soon as you see the day.

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F32.

Please pay when you write if I have come out right
Dungan. And for please and this soon so you can
get some more to send in to the office as I am
always waiting to hear from you with best wishes
and love of Son I am always
Yours son

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Silina Norton
Nortons Gap
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Letter 53

24 April 1902. No date in the heading. Date at the end of the letter. Providence, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton. Dear one.

From: Yours with love, Amy Fugate.

No envelope. Amy had written to Levert, Lilith's sister, and she had a letter for Lilith but her brother, George, had forgotten to mail it. Amy was still in school. The school also met on Saturdays so she was very busy. She spoke of dancing a two step and a cake walk. They seemed to dance at recess with the permission of Mr. Brown since it was a normal school with no "little ones" attending.

Sallie [This would be Sallie Fern Williams who married Mr. Kennedy or Cannady] visited and brought her baby, Anna Murel. Amy asked about Lilith's "operator" and spoke of other friends.

1
Providence Ky.
Miss Lilith Morton -

Dear One, with
pleasure I write you a
short letter as I have not
written you in some time,
must excuse my neglect for
I never meant it for that, when
I wrote LeVert I had a letter
for you and Geo forgot to put it
in. and have been intending
to write you ever since but I
am still going to school and it keeps
very busy having to go on Saturdays³⁰
but forgive me this once and will
be more prompt in the future.
I know you will this time will you
not? when anyone asks forgiveness
so nice I am very penitent.
I am always doing something
to ask forgiveness for. I two stepped

the other day at school with Mr.
 Cleave Kennedy while his sister
 played the organ, and the girls and
 boys watched for the Poroff's and
 my Willie for he never wanted
 me to two step with boys but I told
 him just as soon as he came
 and I'll tell you he never
 smiled at all but I knew
 I did not tell him the rest would
 so I beat them but I have not
 two stepped any more with a boy
 Nala Kennedy or myself cake walks
 though while the ^{boys} played the harp
 the other day and where I got
 home and told mother I had a
 most enjoyable time took a
 ride on the broom but I told
 her that made me feel only better
 that I thought I could keep the
 step better the next and said
 Mr. Brown told us he did not
 care so we have a jubilee at
 recess he never allowed it when
 little ones was going but there

is no small ones attending
the normal. We have to study like
white heads we have examinations
every saturday and have some
very difficult questions to answer
almost causes our brains to ~~stop~~
I am sitting here writing now
and there is four lessons I have
not looked at & is after 10^o clock
but I will tell them I had a pain
in my heel and could not
study. Well Sallie spent last
week with all of us and she has
one of the sweetest little babies
(ed) her name is Anna Murel. To
Tell Bud Charlie Co girl run
off with all other man and left
him his Nealie, and that it
was a scandal to the crickets the
Gees, loves his Rose and Annie
dout know which he loves best.
Now what have you done with
your operator had better hold on
tight I lost hold of mine and
fell away back Oh he is lost
to sight with me now he
was alright to but for reasons I
could not let him come and ~~mod~~

who is Vert & Emma making
eyes at these days. E. did
not like Indiana very much
did she, well as my lamp is
getting low and ^{delightful} also I
will close "O I am so sleepy"
so good night.

May the angels around your
bedside hover and keep you
from kicking off the cover.

Yours With Love

P.S. Amy Fugate.

Tell Vert I'll fix her if
she don't ans my letter &
you had better ans real
soon by return mail
and tell me some news
Give My love to all.

Apr., 24 - 1902.

Good by dear
write to me

Letter 54
1 May 1902
Mortons Gap, Ky.

From: Lilith Morton.

To: John Elliott.

Envelope: Only the envelope has survived. Addressed to Mr. John Elliott, Earlington, Kentucky.
Postmarked: May 1, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky. The handwriting seems to be that of Lilith Morton.



Mr. John Elliott
Garlington
Kentucky



Letter 55
2 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Post marked: May 2, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Post marked back: May 2, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John stated that he would ask "Pappa," her father, the next time he came to her house. He stated that he has never told anyone of their engagement but says there are several who seem to know. The Chief Dispatcher had asked when he wanted to be off, for how long, and where he wanted a pass to travel. The dispatcher wanted plenty of time to get someone to cover John's job while he was gone. John referenced a piece in *The Bee* put in by "Old Fawcett" that had gossip about their engagement and marriage.

To

Miss Susan Morgan

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

Montana Territory

Evening May 2 1902

My dear Susan:

Please your dear letter this
 morning and I thank you so much.
 Dear one for the love that you give me
 in your letters. I feel toward you now as though
 you was already mine. For you have said to
 me that no one could keep you from going
 with me. No that is enough to say that you
 will soon be my own. I am sure
 there is nothing that could keep me from having
 you. So I must be very much longer until

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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We will be happy to please. We are for the quiet
 living of you living there is no danger of the ever
 quiet living of you for a few years to see
 to ever the living of you. Wright & wife
 have passed the last time I have seen you.
 Said the most have an understanding began

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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BE BORN RUN So do live know what to do in case of
 A Refusal. in this sum a long time to
 Me until I get to see you again but I
 suppose I can wait. No more time that long.
 No I don't think there is any way of any one
 being so much more as before than there is for

To

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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at that time their presence is alone over and in case
 be a great pleasure to me to have my friend
 coming with me at the time. On night
 after on these grounds thought I hope will
 not but in the future we will go just
 the same since you said you would go

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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With Mr. I have never seen any one of our
Engagement Bureau But it seems like there is
General who knows all about I suppose
they are even guessing though. The Chief
Dispatcher was asking Me about it yesterday
He came down stairs and asked me

To

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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where I wanted a pass to the New Song I
wanted to go off. He said for me to
be done and give him \$50 of time
so he could get a man to receive me
and I got back. I asked him
what he thought. He said you are going

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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To get married right away by you not
 I told him of I ever got a chance I
 was. I told him I would let him know
 in plenty of time where I wanted
 pass co. I suppose he was just
 trying to do what he could learn

To

8
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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Old Sawett put a piece in the Be
his is about the way it read open Enon
it is Generaly being as we soon stop
making his trip to Mervens as the
Young Lady will be transferred to
Emington. I went up and asked him

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

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When he got this information
 he said I'll be cold him
 I'll be all of your team from him. I must
 be close with Best wishes and
 of love. I am always your
 B. Please and soon as you get this write me a letter
 I will expect to see you a week from Sunday

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Miss Siliva Norton
Nortons Gap Ky



Letter 56
6 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: As ever, your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: May 6, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: May 6, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John mentioned that a man [Probably Harrie mentioned later in the letter.] came into the station and told him that Bishop [Kelly] had been to see Lilith. John did not let the man know that this angered him. However, he was really upset by the information. Lilith had evidently not allowed John to come to see her but he thought she had let Bishop [Kelly] come. He then received a letter from Lilith which explained the situation and he was relieved. John had been going to Church every night for the last five nights. Brother Cox was holding a meeting there. John does not believe that Harrie is a friend. John will arrive at her house on Sunday between 5 and 6 o'clock.

To Miss Feline Norton

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Nortons Gap Ky

Arrived on my May 6 1902

My dear Feline:

Give love and your dear love
 Recd this AM and had indeed read so here from
 My dear one again. I miss you just now &
 have been feeling since yesterday morning
 I was lying here wearing band on my legs
 About 1 o'clock a fellow came in & will not

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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Mention the name. as you can guess and add
The Hon Bishop went to see you yesterday
I gave him no answer at all and never
looked up from my work I suppose he
thinking I did not hear repeated it again
as I was very busy counting figures I did not

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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that he seemed to be greatly interested in the matter
and that in way not answering me and I hoped it
was not coming. He said he did not intend to marry
me but that as a friend I told him
I appreciated the information and was not mad
but I had other business now. He then left.
but I could not work and could not stay
in one place I left my desk and went over
to the agency desk and stayed there for at
least an hour. I could not sit there so I then
thought I would take a trip I went up stairs

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To

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And ask the dispatcher if he could receive me for a few days he said he could not he's not here any one he could send here. I was going some where he's not know where I would go or where I would stop but I could not bear the thought of you not seeing me come and then seeing him come I went to dinner but could not eat I did not feel like eating there was several who asked me what was the matter with me I told them nothing the apt was one who asked me. I never felt as bad in my life

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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about any thing. But your letter this morning
 explained it all to me and instead of your
 trying to keep me from finding it out you
 told me your story for that I thank you
 for being a thousand times. and that one thing
 proved to me that you were true to me
 for you had of tried to keep it from me
 then I would of known that you was so.
 Claim. No wonder no doubt been a little angry
 But since you told me about it I have
 nothing to claim you for only I can say
 that I am now more than ever before

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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To Mrs. A. M. and about the same I want to
 again thank you for the letter that you
 wrote and for the money that you
 gave me. I am sure that I would not be
 able to do any thing but you do not want me to do
 advise to you in this one particular thing that
 not being hardly fair to you that you were
 some far less than it was all for the best
 I have been going to church every night
 for the last 5 or 6 nights Brother Ex

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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is holding Mullins here and I Live at here
Amir Fair. and now saying to be what
Harrie told you. I know nothing about Bishop
do not know what kind of a Boy he is and
so not know very much about Harrie even
that he perhaps to be Mr Friend when with
me and my business when at Mr back that
is what he has proven to be and I would
not give a snap of my finger for that kind
of friendship and so not want it.
but as for me and Bishop or Harrie father

To

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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I would refer you to all of Birmingham as
to who is known to me or Harrie
My reference means the best class of people
I don't associate with Harrie and never
knew that may be the reason he falls
against me. I know not and care not I ask
no one to take my word for my thing
My record proves what I am and what I have
always been therefore I ask you as any one
else and will furnish the very best of men
to refer to as to my record. The authorities

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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No one. That is the reason I take the grounds
I do. When you are a boy always talking about
another one and trying to run him down you
can just put it down that he does not
amount to much him self. That is the
way I always find it I am glad now I
not believe what he told you and I
was sure you would not believe him to
on Sunday about 5:30 or my way between
5 and 6 o'clock. Can hardly wait for the time
to come until I write you so all with my dear

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To _____

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Again I thank you every moment
Sunday and wished that I was with ^{you} but
I was not hoping I will soon be with
you for all the time and with
best wishes and love of love I will
say bye bye peace and soon as you
get this
Adieu you Boy
John

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Miss Lillian Norton

Nortons Gap Ky



Letter 57
9 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Boy but yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: May 9, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: May 9, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky. There is a note from Lula on the back of the envelope that says she is sick with a pain in her side.

Railroad paper and envelope. John states that he cannot understand how anyone knows they are getting married. He has only told his own folks. He stated that perhaps people guessed because of the piece that Faucett had put in *The Bee*.

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Miss Silvie Mason

Macon Gap Tenn

Union Ky May 9 1902

My dear sister

I'm glad you have been
 received this morn and will not arrive very
 much as I'm very busy with glad to hear
 from you again. We will be
 out Sunday evening about 8 o'clock I hope
 you in my other letter. I can understand
 how it is that there is any one knows any
 thing about our going to get married
 no in fact I don't think that any one
 does they are only guessing at it

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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I am sure that I have never said any thing
 about it to any one out side of my own
 folks. You know I told you about
 the price the Sawcett put in the
 Zoo that may be as far as they are
 going but oh yes I supposed you
 knew about Ross' press and
 Miss Grady getting married and you
 let talk it sorta like you and
 I are going to go see that one
 soonish.

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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But then its not very much longer. Until our
 time comes, I'm leaving it to you. I will write you
 Sunday evenings. I will not write any more this
 time. I wish and lots of love to
 Lily and all the family. Be a good girl and always
 think of Jack and I will be no body's

Love But Yours
 Jack

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Susan Norton
Norton Gap, Va.

W. Little & Son
of Sick
if you are
a good

Doctor can
to see me
I have a Pain in
my side.

Will
not this
out



Letter 58
13 May 1902
Mortons Gap, Ky.

To: Mr. John Elliott. Dear Jack.

From: Your true and loving, Lil. [Lilith Morton.]

Envelope: Mr. John Elliott, Earlington, Ky. Postmarked: May 13, 1902, Barnsley, Ky.
Postmarked back: May 15, 1902, Earlington, Ky.

Evidently, the couple has not yet asked her father for permission to marry. Lilith was struggling with leaving her family to elope and get married. She needed time to think and plan and may not be ready to leave on June 4. However, she promised to be ready by the 15th, 17th, or 18th of June. She stated that she had not told anyone of their plans but would tell [her sister] LeVert and involve LeVert in telling her father. She develops a scenario for how the rest of the family will be told.

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Hastings Ex. Co.

May 13 1912

Mr. John Elliott

Dear Sir

Your note

at short letter
received last eve and
was very much agreeable
even though it was
not half as soon
always pleased to
receive a letter
from you cleared
up things. But be
lieve me want to
show that you
have not forgotten

me for almost
 I will felt so
 badly once more
 finally it seemed
 as though I was
 wanted as if it like
 your self really
 and forgive me
 dear if I say it
 but I felt I thought
 you didn't love
 me as much as
 was wrong and
 yes darling I hope
 that if you want
 I will be there

many more times
 and leave me
 for I love you
 so dearly that
 no one can imagine
 how much I love
 to part with you
 when you go to
 leave darling, you
 said that I
 could not be with
 you long but this
 is a kind of a
 well now dear
 you are I love
 you and I want to

but I'm not sure but
still I wanted to
clear up the end
and again
I wanted to have
time to think
about leaving home
and all it was
all so sudden
though I have loved
you from the first
moment I ever saw
you and you
know dear that
that is a serious
thing to think

of to bring up
 leaving home and
 parents, brothers
 and sisters all for
 your sake but
 I have not before and
 was willing to give
 up all for your
 sake but I wanted
 to have time to
 think over all
 this so as not
 to be here sick
 the first week I
 was with you
 and clearest I don't

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Know exactly what
day I will go with
you I couldn't say
as to whether I
would be ready on
the 4th or not the
way I am I wanted
you to ask papa
for me and still
I hate for you
to do and then
I want tell you
when I would be
ready I don't
believe that he

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would care but
darling I will
tell you if I am
not ready by
the fourth of June
I will go in the
~~15th~~ 15th or 12th 12th as
I am where along
there about the
middle of the
month I will
tell you something
what day I will
go and perhaps
it will be the

4th and I hope
it will for I
will be your
first as soon
as I have picked
up courage to
tell some of
them as I had
never told any
one of them yet
and I don't want
to go without
telling some of them
and you know
I told you that
I have the

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Come 91 of an
morning all day
daring I will
tell you what
you go to do
your help me
do tell them not
tell you me
will tell her
and she can
tell the rest of
them I will
tell you her name
will do the rest
time you can

I will encourage
 no one else but
 to come in the
 parlor something
 as other and
 when she comes
 why you say
 Lett Congratulate
 me Lillith has
 promised to be
 my wife, it seems
 to that effect of
 course your way
 are your own
 words in it

if you choose
 but then dear
 that would be
 be you telling
 it would it
 it would be
 in case I
 talked as though
 it were not and
 then I will see
 about telling papa
 you see tell first
 first and then
 see what she
 says and then

I will know
 more about what
 paper will say
 far as a general
 thing what ever
 Forest says you is
 with paper bears
 you see our mother
 is elected a first
 being the eldest
 she generally takes
 a rather place
 over they but by
 is not but in year
 older than I
 whenever I see

papa if I may
 go anywhere.
 He generally says
 go see what Aunt
 says about it
 as if I want to
 go somewhere
 and he want
 let me go I always
 get her to go and
 ask him to let
 me go so often as
 I like but in
 my mind I
 don't know whether
 it would be the

some of us not
 but I should
 naturally suppose
 it would be
 darling I will
 expect you out
 in due time. But
 I doubt if you last
 week that you
 will not fight to
 wait two weeks
 any more before
 you see me and
 you wait unless
 you want to and
 please mention

in your next
letter at what
time I may
expect yours
I always like
to know and
as you I forgot
to tell you your
short letter was
perfectly excusable
this time but please
write more the
next time as
I never tire of
reading your letters

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as I don't never
receive letters from
you and I am
but your darling
I have many things
on my mind which
I don't want to
but must reserve
them until some
until some future
time which I
hope may be soon
I am always your
true and loving
Lil



Mr. John Elliott

Washington, D.C.



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Letter 59
19 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. Dear One.

From: I am nobody's boy but yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: May 19, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: May 19, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John has felt badly since he left Lilith last night. He did not state the reason. He stated that he needed to know specifics on the when they would leave to marry in order to get a replacement for work. Lilith still has not spoken with her father. John appears to be troubled by the delay.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at

M.

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Sent from

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To

Dear One
 Will write you this very Morning before I
 am another where. In going to the line I was
 turned out in the place alone this Morning I have
 felt so bad since I saw you last night and

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190
Sent from _____ 190

To: *Someone I know loves to do some thought
of nothing away from. There is nothing else
but I want to turn my thoughts to
you as all I care about. and I give you all
my thoughts and love and all things to*

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To
 Am you this and please in Methan in your
 this how nice you? I want you to say
 what say you will go with me if you
 dont I am afraid I wont be able to
 get teleins as operators are very slow

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190.

Sent from _____ 190.

To _____

me for Jaena Jane Say you will go on to HTR
 if you possibly can. Had just as well go
 that day as any other. If you can get ready
 by that time and I think you can
 then I am very glad and you?

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TELEGRAM.

Received at 5 M. 190

Sent from 190

To
 So do all Men Gr. do get ready on that
 day and to know how the know in
 this know what say so I can arrange to
 get off and to get transportation the
 sooner it is over the better it will be you

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To

Men. If you sent intend to say any thing
 to papa about I can say any thing
 making my finger and line to do you
 what he said I sent think there would
 be any man to say any thing to him

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To
 No one else would be know But I want
 to be fair and give you all the
 chances you want in any way and
 but you know I have some since
 the first time I met you

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

What I mean by that is I don't want
you to come unless you want to and
don't mind you are ready although it
seems kind of queer. Not kind much
singer without you. Write me a song

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TELEGRAM.

Received at _____ M. _____ 190.

Sent from _____ 190.

To _____

Will you get this and be
sure the L&N know of you
leave to on the A.R. and if so say
where I shall come for you. or you can
see Mr. Frank Anderson. But be sure and

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190__

Sent from _____ 190__

To _____

See Me in your letter what say you
 will go and I will again ask you
 to get ready by the 4th if possible
 best wishes and love of Sam &
 Am No body but your son

VILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Mrs. Silas Norton
Norton Gap, Ky



Letter 60
21 May 1902
Mortons Gap, Ky.

To: Mr. John Elliott. Dear Jack. [John William Elliott.]

From: Your little love, Bill. [Lilith Morton.]

Envelope: Mr. John W. Elliott, Earlington, Kentucky. Postmarked: Barnsley, Ky., 22 May 1902.
Postmarked back: May 22, 1902, Earlington, Ky.

Lilith complained from lack of sleep. Lilith stated that she had just read his letter. She had tried to pick it up at the post office but Mr. Williams had told her he had sent it to the country by Tommy Wilkerson.

Lilith stated that she could not be ready to leave to get married until the 18th [June] on a Wednesday. Lilith told Lula [Edwards] about their plans last night. Lula will not tell her mother because her mother may then tell "Pappa," Lilith's father. Lilith stated that on the day of June 18, she would go to Lula's house in Mortons Gap and that she and Lula would pretend that they were going to Earlington to stay a week with Lula's grandmother, Aunt Laurie Sisk. Lula would stay with her grandmother and Lilith would go with John. Evidently Lilith had been away from home the previous night, in the company of Lula, but did not go to a dance. During the next week, Lilith will go to preaching instead of a dance. She expects John on Sunday.

With affectionate regards
always yours

Marion G. G. G.
May 21st 1872

Mr John Elliott

Dear Jack

Just ate supper and am now
laid and a long time
write to you before I go to bed
though I feel like I needed
props to hold my eyes open
dear I never came home
until this eve and I never
had read your letter until
just a few moments ago
well it was the first thing
I did when I got home
was to get your letter
and I read it - you know

I told you this morning
that I had been to busy
~~but~~ to write because I did
not have time to explain
all these things but the
reason was because I had
not never read your letter.
I was a little late in going
to the office and when I
got there Mr. Williams said
that he had just sent our
mail out to the country
by Mr. Tommy Williams and
I never came home until
this eve but it is true I did
intend to write to you
last night if I had not
read your letter for I knew
you had written but I
was too busy to write
last night and then I

wanted to wait until I
 had read your letter two
 because I did not know
 but what there was something
 in it of some importance
 that you would want and
 darling you must excuse
 this letter if I don't write
 any longer can you
 I will do better next time
 dear you ask me in your
 letter to be sure to tell
 you what day I would be
 ready well darling I can't
 possibly be ready by the
 4th but will be ready by
 the 18th I believe that that
 day will be a ~~very~~
 Wednesday so you may
 sure expect me on that
 day and have let

me tell you. I told Lulu
 last night and I will
 be at Aunt's & P that
 is where you may come
 for me I told her and
 we fixed it all up she
 is the only person that
 I ever told any thing about
 at all and of course
 she can't tell her name
 because she might tell
 papa but as I started
 to say we fixed it all
 up now we would get
 off I will go over
 there and Lulu and
 I will pretend like
 we are going to Cambridge
 to stay a week with

Aunt Sammie says that
 it looks grandmother
 and Louis will stop up
 at Earlington but I
 will go in your way
 that is the way we have
 it planned and to do
 just as you think about
 that plan would be
 all O.K. well darling I
 am just so sleepy that
 I must close for I saw
 update last night but
 didn't go to no dance
 as my girl didn't
 come but Louis will ~~be~~
 I were just talking
 about us making one

fixing up that plan to
 get off oh dearest you
 ought to guess where
 I am going next saturday
 night I am going to
 preaching now I want
 that nice of me to
 go to preaching for I have
 already been out to a
 dance also but will not
 go will go to preaching
 instead of dancing and
 this soon as I am always
 over joyful to receive a
 letter from you dear I
 will expect you next
 Sunday about the usual
 time I suppose so you
 bye I am as ever as ever
 your little love
 B.C.



Mr. John W. Elliott

Exeter, N.H.

Friend



Letter 61
22 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: May 22, 1902, Earlington, Ky. Postmarked back: May 22, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John has agreed with the 18th as the day to elope and says that "the 3rd time is The Charm." He hopes she will not change her mind again.

On the 18th, Lilith is to get on the 52 at the Gap and he will join her in Earlington. He states that they will go on to Illinois and will get off at Carmi and get married. Then they will go up from there to Norris City. He has a cousin there who is almost the same as a sister. From there they will go to McLeansboro where an uncle lives. Then they will visit his folks. John says he will ask off from work on the 18th and will arrange for transportation.

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Received at

Chillicothe Ky

M.

May 22nd

1902

Sent from

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To

Miss Lillian Norton

Monroe Gap Ky.

My dear Lillian:-

Kiss and your letter received this morning was glad to hear from you again. pth. have been sick very near all week. But have been working just the same. Bright dear the kiss change the date to the 18th this is the 3rd time the old saying is the 3rd time is the charm so I guess if that is to be kiss have to change it any more kiss the miss be be glad when the 18th comes for 2 pth so someone here without you am glad to know during that you are going to church

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190__

Sent from _____ 190__

To _____
 instead of the dance. Write here right not be any great harm
 in saying I don't approve of them in might be that because I
 had thought now is the reason why my man I never much
 taken here of her going to church than to dances. Now I think
 the way you have arranged is alright. You get on 52 at
 the depot and I will join you here. I will get on 52
 here and we will go on into Illinois and stop off at
 Annis and get married there then go from there to
 Norris City. I have a cousin living there who is a very same

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Sent from _____ 190

To _____

As a matter of fact I have been everywhere just about as
much. So we will go there first and from there we
will visit an uncle of mine. Since we are in St. Louis
if the boys have got back we will go there. They
should be back by the 10th or 12th. I don't know whether
they will or not. I will tell you the news.
I got from McHenry at Morris City he said for me to take
care and come there the first place when I get married
he said the money he made some you. Because I was a good boy.

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190__

Sent from _____ 190__

To _____
 Mr. & Mrs. Mary Miller Love her for she is a good Christian wife
 who is good and kind to every body now they put 2 am going
 to ask the Chief Dispatcher to arrange to put me off on the
 18th also ask for transportation to sent wife to be ready at that
 time will be out Sunday about the same time as have been coming
 high in the Sunday now for 2 out have our leave from one
 Sunday to another to get to see Mr. & Mrs. Miller Mr. Miller
 Mrs. Miller some Ben sent go to Church with you Saturday
 night for you know Jack Housert like that and I know

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190_____

Sent from _____ 190_____

To

Marwan So that without me asking you not too. Be a good girl
 and kiss Lee you the rest Sunday night Best wishes/love from Mum
 Love I am always
 Mum Bow
 Joan

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lillian Newton

Newton Gap
Ky



Letter 62
26 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: May 26, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: May 26, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John asked her about a possible switch in jobs.

To Miss Silvia Merson
 Atlanta Ga. Ga.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Memphis Tenn May 22 1902

My dear Silvia:-

Kiss I am so kind to you that I can write letters as I have never
 got time but kiss kiss to you a long love letter I write just think of this morning
 and compare the feelings with it and I have been so far since leaving you but I want
 to know you much longer kiss I am and I am singing for the time to turn up
 the road ground then I will be happy of course I am happy to think and to know
 that a dear Silvia is still with you and restored the happiness by saying
 you know be mine and I am very glad to see of the happiness of the new
 year in fact I never think of this thing ever again you are better with you or not I
 always think of you and I am for Sunday to come when I can be with
 you.

To

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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Dear Sir I am going to ask you one question Now and want you to answer what
you want. So I will know what to do. That I have the right job in the
dispatching office or do you want me to keep ^{on} learning and I would like to have
to be away from you all the time at nights and days. I would like to have
the job. But I want you to say which one you would prefer me to
have. For your happiness will be mine and in this I wish you
to choose. So I will have I am going to have this life and will
have a long future when I am this one I will expect you to write me
that I have for you know I write two to you one per week
this first one I will write soon with best wishes and say of love.
Yours sincerely
Wm. H. H. H. H.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Selma Menden

Persons Gap, Ky



Letter 63
28 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: May 28, 1902, Nashville & St. Louis RPO. Postmarked back: May 28, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John has decided not to take the night job but will stay on days. He does not want to leave her alone at night after they marry. He stated he would see her on Sunday.

To

Miss Fannie Norton

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Norton Gap Ky

Cincinnati Ky May 1st 1908

My dear sister:-

How I want your plans about leaving and this you was in the way so
 far from you again hope you are met by some by news it want to very much longer
 than the time not come to away from each other. But you are sure I will meet at some
 and I don't think you will I am sure you want to I am keep you from it I will
 I will always love you as dear as I do now and I love you now as dear as any one
 could know another. When you will be sure and ask me Sunday what it is you want to ask
 me do not get out of the nation. and I don't want to see it now they will
 leave it before much longer want they dear? I have decided not to take the night
 job at the present time any more for I do not want to leave you all
 your day at night May I decide to take it again on But at the

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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Please think twice about my day. I don't want you to know my heart of mind
 that is not all you know. I was so sure you knew me better than I
 know myself but you know my heart of mind better than I know myself.
 For as I have said before that your happiness means to me and if I know you was not
 happy it means I was not happy and I know that you was not
 therefore I am going to do all I can to always make your life a happy one
 in you going to church Sunday. I want to go to Madisonville on night this week
 don't know whether will go or not I don't care to go anywhere unless I
 wish. You honest put I have not been kinder any place since I
 have been in Lexington seems like I don't care to go anywhere

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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Only to come and see you. My Mom for the only pleasure of ever see is
to be with you. My going on and when I am with you all the time
I will be happy for ever then. Will be out Sunday the next the usual time
Will write and tell you the rest. Henry and Daisy and they are packing up on the
New. I intend to write you also. But guess they will be with you.
Best wishes and love of love I am always

Your Bow

Jack

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Silas Norton

Monroe Ga 1/11



Letter 64
5 June 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: June 5, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: June 6, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John stated that they must ask her "Pappa" on Sunday since there would only be one more Sunday after that before they planned to marry. He wants Lilith to make up her mind about whether to ask her father or not. If her father says "no," John wants her to be prepared to leave on the 18th anyway.

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Received at

Sent from

To

Miss Elsie Morton

Morton Gapster

My dear Elsie:

We have my dear Elsie been receiving this from
 you so glad to hear from you seemed as though it had been a month
 since I had seen you or heard from you in fact the same were all
 allways long to Mr. Lee. And we must all have seen you
 for there will only be on more Sunday again this one and that
 will be allways then notice to him you know to just make
 up your mind that we will all him Sunday

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

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To

Robert Soamy Now that say no and after we have been running as far as
 you can say and have been directly to him and then of the
 refusal I don't think there should be any punishment as in no
 going any way. You know I have always insisted on bringing
 him. But I thought if you was not willing for me to
 bring him that I would not do it as a free matter as
 you said but since you have decided to do it I
 will do it and think have to do it Sunday for saying
 I want you to be done and go with me on the 18th

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To
 I have time to get away on this day & soon know
 when I could get off again. So I want you to be sure
 Mr. Be prepared to go on that day whether he is willing or
 not. There is no one knows that we are going on that day and I
 am sure you will get away. I will come any where for you
 no difference where you are I will come for you as I know
 it for sure but I know where you will be and I
 will be after you arrange to get any one you want
 to help you and I know I know it my thing.

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To

Mr. S. R. R. Mice Cainsay So it. Yes the 4th was a very gloomy day but I never did believe that made any difference I would just as soon have a rainy day as any other kind for my dog. But if you decided better it was a pretty day I would too for you. For what ever you want I want you to have that is when it is in season and that is one thing that would not be in season I mean that is one thing that would have nothing to say about and I can hope it will be, the thing you know I have always told you that

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To

You was a kid. But I want you to be my kid before Gen.
Not any other My kid but my pet. So you suppose Dick
will see papa that I hope he will. But if he sent us.
Then arrange to be him some other way for I intend
to ask him. He must ask him Sunday. Now you think
do. For I want you to be sure and be prepared to go
with me on the 15th. I suppose you think I
am telling you that enough the reason I do is because
I am so anxious for you to be with me and I

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Received at _____ M. _____ 190

Sent from _____ 190

To
 Please to get off on this occasion I don't know
 when I would get off again so you see I have
 about as hard a time getting off as you do
 Miss Ellen wants to know you arrange to be some
 where for and I will come after you that is in the
 papa baggage. When I leave the wife just from
 what you have said Mrs. B. I will see you Sunday
 will have my wife and please to go. will be out
 Sunday about the same time always Now Ben Mack

UISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Elizabeth Norton
Norton Gap Ky



Letter 65
12 June 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Dear Lilith. [Lilith Morton.]

From: Your boy, John. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: June 12, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: June 12, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John tells her to have whatever she wants to take with her ready on Sunday when he comes. He will put her things in his dress suit case.

To Lillian Star:

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Cum gratia 1/2 190 3/4

I intend to buy you this in Mrs. Oler's and forget it
 Give her your name that is his name. Ever. If you want
 to have it with you and I will get it Sunday night. Ever.
 I can't put it in my press. I will get it and keep
 it so ever. Ever. You want to have it with you.
 Have it some letter so I can get it.

Yours Truly
 Jno

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Form 1.



Miss Lillian Norton
Norton Gap
Ky



Letter 66
16 June 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Lilith Dear. [Lilith Morton.]

From: But Yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: June 16, 1902, Nashville & St. Louis R. P. O. Postmarked back: June 16, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. Evidently the couple did not get permission from her father to marry. John tells her that he understands that it is hard to leave home against the wishes of your parents. He tells her to be on the 52 on Wednesday morning and expect him on Wednesday evening at about 7:00. He says if they do not go on the 18th that he believes they never will.

To Uncle Dear.

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Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Cullington Ky June 11 1902

Now write you from Linn. and hope this will be the last.
I hope we will have to write. But hope we will be together
for this time left even. and think we will be you have given
made up your mind to that effect. Now dear write to
unhappy in it but so learn from especially against the wishes
of your parents and without telling them know any thing about it
I don't believe there is any harm in it. and I am sure of how
you as fear as any one on earth since all superstitions have
been made. I think we should go this time and am sure that the
best will soon forgive for me there is no one on earth

To _____

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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But what I would sacrifice for you. And I believe and
 hope that you are the same way but me. Now if you
 possibly can I want you to be on 52 Wednesday
 Morning that is if you can get off. Ah all. And if
 you can get off. I will be on Wednesday in about
 7 o'clock and I will expect you to come with me
 for I don't want to go without you and I am sure
 I can go without you. This is the way that I feel about it
 and believe that my feelings will prove that want for what
 reason I don't know but I am sure feeling that
 if we don't get so good this time that we never will

To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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No that for one reason is why I insist on not going
 this being so strong and I hope we don't give
 this time. I have got to go and don't feel like I
 can go without you and I am sure that I don't
 want to go without you. Come on 52 if you can
 leave leaves the gap at 10:11 AM if you can come
 on 52 I expect me out the morning but some times near
 1 o'clock. We are here from you here tomorrow Best
 wishes and love to you. I am the best, Ben
 But your
 Jack

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Lillian Norton
Norton Gap,



Letter 67
17 June 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: June 17, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: June 17, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. Last letter before their marriage. John says he will be out at 7 o'clock and that they can leave at 9:30 for the train. He does not believe there will be any trouble.

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Received at

Sent from

To

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My dear Sir,
 I hope at this time Tuesday you and 2 miss are happy
 together. We are out tomorrow Evening about 1 o'clock. We are home at
 9:30 and get here in plenty time to catch the train. and we don't want
 to get here very long before the train goes. So we will leave
 here about 9:30. We 2 miss come down or run to see you
 No. You know saying 2 would come for you through

TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM.

Received at M. 190

Sent from 190.....

To

My King I hope we will have no trouble in getting away
and hope we will have no trouble after we get away
because I sent much before we did. I know leaving you
and me and I am alone you that my son for you is
going to be strong. Now be prepared to come with me and as you said
in your letter we will say in once of us sent me to go.
But I hope we will have a witness and because I will say
bye bye until I see you again when I hope will be tomorrow
End
Your Boer Jack

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.



Miss Silver Norton
Norton Gap Ky

